WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Replacement of A-300 and Boeing 737 aircraft of Indian Airlines

*2904. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to replace A-300 and Boeing 737 aircraft of Indian Airlines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A Committee was constituted in February, 1995 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to examine the reasons for losses in Indian Airlines and develop strategies for turning around of Indian Airlines in the context of the market environment. The Committee observed that all A-300 and Boeing 737 aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air should be phased out by the year 2003. Indian Airlines has, accordingly, constituted an in-house committee to carry out a techno-economic study of suitable aircraft for relacement of A-300 and Boeing 737 fleet.

Utilisation of Sardar Vallabhbhai Airport

2905. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to fully utilise the Sardar Vallabhbhai Airport;

(b) whether Department is going to divert additional flights in this Airport;

(c) whether it is a fact that Ahmedabad—Nairobi—Mombasa-—Johanessberg flight service is to be started; if so, by when; and

(d) whether it is a fact that British Airways and some other airlines are inclined to extend some of their flights to Ahmedabad; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) It is upto the airlines to operate services to/from an airport depending on the traffic demand and the commercial viability of the operations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) At present, Air India has no plan to introduce direct flights on sector Ahmedabad—Nairobi Mombasa Johanessberg. However, the airline provides a connection from Ahmedabad over Mumbai to Nairobi and Dar-es-Salam.

(d) No such proposal has been received from any airline including British Airways.

मध्य प्रदेश में बड़े शहरों के लिये विमान सेवा

2906. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा:

क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश से हैदराबाद, मद्रास, त्रिवेन्द्रम, बंगलौर, अहमदाबाद, कलकत्ता जाने हेतु कोई सीधी विमान सेवा उपलब्ध है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो यह सेवा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी, और

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश से अंर्तराष्ट्रीय विमान सेवा शुरू करने का कोई प्रावधान किया गया है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि, मध्य प्रदेश में अवस्थित स्थानों से यात्रा करने वाले यात्री हैदराबाद, चेन्नई, तिरूवंनतपुरम, बंगलौर, अहमदाबाद तथा कलकत्ता के लिए मुम्बई/दिल्ली से विमान सेवा लाभ उठा सकते हैं।